







DIETER NEUSER ET AL USSN 09/402,737

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--12. (Once Amended) A method of alleviating pain in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a preparation according to any one of claims 1-9,--

Please add the following new claims:

- --13. Preparation which can be administered orally and contains a fixed combination of at least one locally acting analgesic with a rapid onset of action (element A) with at least one systemically acting analgesic with a sustained action (element B), wherein element A and element B are different chemical compounds, and the preparation is formulated such that element A is released from the preparation before element B upon oral administration.--
- --14. A method of alleviating pain in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a preparation according to claim 10 or 11.--
- --15. A method of alleviating pain in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a preparation according to claim 13.--

## **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time,

Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is

authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.